

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6 and 30-31 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Childress in view of Denvir.

Applicant appreciates that the Examiner indicates that claims 7, 8, and 29 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 7, and provided new independent claims 32 and 40, each incorporating the limitations expressly taught in claim 1 with allowable dependent claims 8 and 29, respectively. New dependent claims 33-39, and 41-47 are also provided.

No additional numbers of total or independent claims that have already been presented are being presented in this response. Accordingly, no new claim fees should be incurred with the filing of this response.

If, however, the Examiner should for any reason consider this application not to be in condition for allowance he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or any underpayments which may be required for the above-referenced application to Deposit Account No. 01-0265.

Respectfully submitted,

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